

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 12, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2014, with Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Dwight Boykins, Ellen R. Cohen, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Ms. Deidra Penny, Senior Assistant City Attorney; and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Members Dave Martin and David W. Robinson absent on personal business.

At 1:43 p.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated they would start with the presentation portion of the City Council meeting, and recognized Council Member Green for the first presentation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Pennington, Gallegos, Laster and Bradford absent.

Council Member Green stated that it was truly an honor to recognize two of America's greatest musical legends, Mr. James Brown and Mr. Bobby Byrd, and presented a proclamation to Ms. Vicki Anderson, wife of the late Bobby Byrd, along with other family members, and Mayor Parker stated therefore, she, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed August 12, 2014 as James Brown and Bobby Bird Day in Houston, Texas. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster and Bradford absent.

Ms. Anderson stated that she wanted to thank Houston, her hometown that she was very proud of for their acknowledging her husband Bobby Byrd and James Brown for their music to the world. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Council Members Boykins, Pennington and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez congratulated Ms. Anderson on receiving a proclamation for Mr. Byrd and Mr. Brown. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster, Kubosh and Bradford absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez recognized Mayor Parker for the next Council presentation. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster and Bradford absent.

Mayor Parker invited the representatives of the Houston Galveston Stavanger Sister City Association to the podium, and stated that Stavanger had enjoyed a very close relationship with the City of Houston for more than 20 years, that in their Sister City relationship more than 1,900 students had participated in the bilateral exchange and this year the Houston Sister City Association took 52 students during the week of June 17 through June 25, 2014 to Stavanger, the students were housed with families in the City and were able to participate in many cultural and education activities with their Norwegian peers, that today representatives from the Sister City Association, the Norwegian Consulate, as well student participants from the exchange program were present to receive a proclamation and presented the proclamation to Ms. Judy McEnany, Vice President for Cultural Programs of the Houston Galveston Stavanger Sister City Association, and stated therefore, she, Annise Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaimed August 12, 2014, as Houston Galveston Stavanger Sister City Day in Houston, Texas, and thanked them for their commitment to their two cities. Council Members Stardig, Davis, Gallegos, Laster and Bradford absent.

Mr. Jeremy Doresy, a recent graduate of the High School for Performing and Visual Arts Jazz Department appeared and shared his experiences in the Texas Days in Stavanger Sister City Program. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

Ms. McEnany stated that their other special student, a member of Safari Singers at

Springwoods High School, was trapped in traffic and if he walked in the door he could speak, but she wanted to thank them for the proclamation and for Mayor Parker's support, that their Board was already preparing for the 2016 Exchange in which Stavanger would bring 52 students to Houston. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

Council Members Laster, Christie, Stardig and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez congratulated the Houston Galveston Stavanger Sister City Association on receiving their proclamation. Council Members Davis and Gallegos absent.

At 2:04 p.m. Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Boykins for the invocation and pledge of allegiance and Council Member Boykins invited Minister Robert Muhammad, Student Minister of Muhammad Mosque No. 45 in Houston, Texas, for the invocation and Council Member Boykins led all in the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Gallegos absent.

Mayor Parker stated that before they called the roll, she understood that Mr. Mathew Chung made it to the Chamber and invited him to the podium. Council Member Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Mr. Chung appeared and shared his experiences in the Texas Days in Stavanger Sister City Program. Council Members Boykins and Gallegos absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that she wanted to congratulate Mr. Chung for participating in the program. Council Member Boykins absent.

At 2:10 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Members Gonzalez and Pennington moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. Council Member Boykins absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Davis moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing from State Representative Senfronia Thompson out of order, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. Council Member Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0788 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker recognized Council Member Boykins for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Laster absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that he wanted to recognize a student who shadowed him, Ms. Sharon Thornton, a sixth grader at Anthony Aguirre Junior High School in Channelview, Texas, that she was present during the Freedman's Town bricks presentation and she was so smooth and articulate and he was so impressed with her and he asked her to come and shadow him and they had a wonderful day and she had an opportunity to sit in some very important meetings, and asked that she stand and be recognized. Council Member Laster absent.

Ms. Nicki Keenan, 1510 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77024 (713-386-8055) appeared and stated that she was Senior Vice President of Sales for Landry's Incorporated, and was present in support of the four candidates for the Houston First Corporation Board of Directors.

After discussion and questions by Council Members Christie and Boykins, Ms. Keenan stated that she was on the Executive Committee and was part of the working group that did the

realignment, that she was on the Board of the Greater Houston Convention Bureau.

Dr. Alkebu Motapa, 5022 Cosby, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-741-5150) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called.

Ms. Patricia Greer, 412 W. Clay, Houston, Texas 77019 (713-443-5421) appeared and stated that she was a business owner and homeowner and was present to talk about the brick streets in Freedman's Town and about the preservation of those streets, and would ask that they consider to rescind the decision made on June 11, 2014 regarding the infrastructure process and request that micro tunneling take place under the sidewalks instead of through the streets at Andrews and Wilson Streets in Freedman's Town. Council Member Boykins absent.

After discussion, Council Member Kubosh stated that he was trying to figure out how did they preserve rather than restore, he was concerned because people were taking the bricks. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Green stated that his concern was the same as Council Member Kubosh and he had expressed to Ms. Ellis as well, that he wanted to thank Mayor Parker and Mr. Keith Wade for arranging a meeting coming forward so they could put this on the table. Council Member Boykins absent.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Ms. Greer to stand at the podium with her granddaughter, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2014-0789 ADOPTED.

Ms. Cassandra Georgantis, 2236 Bernard, Houston, Texas 77098 (713-410-0858) appeared and stated that she was present to talk about Freedman's Town, on behalf of the wonderful work being done by the Freedman's Town Preservation Coalition, that Freedman's Town was the first settlement of freed slaves along Buffalo Bayou, and therefore an important part of Houston's rich but little known history, that with their help the coalition wished to stop the removal of the undisturbed historic bricks, and the remaining trolley rails from all of Andrews Street and part of Wilson Street, consider alternative options, such as micro tunneling and trenchless designs for the proposed infrastructure, reinstate the Federal 106 review process for the amended plans and engage the appropriate consulting parties throughout the entire project, and finally use the best preservation practices for repairing the damaged sections of the streets according to the UNESCO and National Trust Guidelines for historic preservation, and use non chemical methods to clean the asphalt from the bricks that were in place. Council Member Boykins absent.

After discussion by Council Members Davis and Cohen, Council Member Cohen stated that this was a very important issue and troubling for those of them involved because they did understand the history, that she knew how important it was to keep it alive, and also knew how important it was to honor their obligations to the forbearers who laid those stones and to those people who were going to follow them in terms of making sure that the community functioned, that she was receiving comments from people about the bricks and comments from people about the problems with sewers, water supplies and everything that had to do with the streets and it had to be balanced, that her office had met with numerous neighbors, that everything month they met with Public Works to talk about what was going to happen, to please know this was not a frivolous decision, nor a decision made without a great deal of thought, they would do the very best they could to preserve the history and provide for the continued growth of the community.

Representative Senfronia Thompson, 4828 Loop Central Dr., No. 600, Houston, Texas 77081 (713-817-6212) appeared and stated that she was interested in preserving the bricks,

and the great contribution of that history about the bricks, that she was interested in the great possibility of tourism that could really take place, for the people who came to visit the City to add that to the tour list to see historical aspects of history, that she was interested in the bricks not being destroyed, and Council Member Davis told her that some of the bricks had already been taken up and put in storage to be replaced back in the same place and the same position, and it was her understanding that if the bricks were removed they were going to be replaced, they were not going to be destroyed, and the history that they represented would be preserved, that they wanted to pass along something historical to their cultural, not only to their children, but they wanted to share it with the world, that she wanted to thank Council Member Davis for visiting with her and giving her an in depth insight into what the project was going to entail, and wanted to thank Council Member Cohen for visiting with her, and she wanted to thank Mayor Parker and the City Council for assuring them that the restoration would take place, the bricks would go back in place.

Mayor Parker stated that she was on City Council when they made the commitment to save the Gregory Lincoln School, that as Mayor she made the commitment to the Bethel Church site and it was a City park today, and really a showplace, and she would encourage more people to take advantage of the Bethel Church site, that their intention was to restore the brick streets to the best of their ability and she assured her that they consulted with preservationists across the United States and if Representative Thompson would visit with Mr. Keith Wade from her staff they had maps showing not just the restoration work they were doing, particularly on Andrews Street, but the preservation, of the bricks they were doing in conjunction with HISD on the Carnegie High School, where they, years ago, worked an arrangement to make sure that there was a remembrance wall and a history walk in essence between the Bethel Church and the Gregory Lincoln School and the site of the Carnegie Vanguard High School now, but along those brick streets, they believed they had a careful a plan as possible, including photographing the Herringbone Pattern at the various intersections to make sure they replicate it as they put the bricks down, that she had invited the Council Members to go and view the site and was appreciative of the fact that so many of them did, that the streets were in rough shape today and the goal was to put them in the condition where people would want to come and see it the way it looked in it's heyday.

After discussion by Council Members Davis, Laster and Boykins, Representative Thompson stated that she remembered when she was a kid she had an aunt who lived in the Fourth Ward and for a penny she could ride a trolley all over the Fourth Ward and downtown, and she wanted to make sure that whoever wanted to come and study and do research in that area would be made available, not now but into the future, and she was happy to know that the City was planning such an outstanding tourism implementation of the area because there was a lot of history there. Council Member Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Representative Thompson, seconded by Council Member Green. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. Council Member Pennington absent. MOTION 2014-0790 ADOPTED.

After further discussion by Council Members Stardig and Cohen, Representative Thompson stated that she was supporting that whatever restoration that may take place, that it would not destroy the bricks and that the bricks would go back as they were originally and that it would be a project in which implementation for tourism would be a part of that, and opportunities for archeologists and researches to go in there, and that there would be no destruction, but an improvement of what they had presently. Council Members Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Ms. Vicki Randle, 12023 Bissonnet, No. 1604, Houston, Texas 77099 (832-306-6941) had

reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Steven Williams (No address, No phone no) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Pennington and Gonzalez absent.

Mr. Maurice Bell (did not wish to give address) (832-443-7045) appeared and stated that he was present on the domestic violence problem they had in Houston, that he had his children taken away and accused of every crime, even though he disproved it, courts had ignored it, his kids were put in danger, that CPS had reported that everything was good with him, his children were put back in with his wife, who committed domestic violence twice on him, which his son witnessed, and continued to express his personal experiences until his time expired. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Roland Curry, 5911 Ben Bayou, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-613-7301) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Mr. Marcus Richardson, 9119 Dairy View Ln., Houston, Texas 77099 (832-874-2648) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Boykins, Pennington, Laster and Green absent.

Ms. Dale Collins, 14335 Ella Blvd., No. 315, Houston, Texas 77014 (281-570-5551) appeared, presented information, and stated that she was a Community Health worker for the City of Houston, and was present about "pulling your pants up" which was becoming a problem in the City of Houston, that she commuted each day on Metro transit and the train and it was becoming a problem, that she researched information to find out if any other cities were enforcing an ordinance so that it could be stopped, that she witnessed something on the train, a guy got on the train and his pants were way down below his buttocks and in front of his private area and he sat down next to a little boy, and her mind went crazy because if he had his pants down all the way it was like exposing himself to the child, it was indecent exposure, and anything could happen on the train without an adult looking over those seats, and those kids should not be subjected to that, that she found out that Dallas was enforcing an ordinance for young men to pull their pants up, that she knew the Mayor was doing a great job by having the police checking the fares, but it was getting out of control. Council Members Davis, Boykins and Green absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Collins for raising the issue, it was certainly something that many of them found distasteful, that she had researched it and there were a handful of cities that enforced a general ban, but every City had the opportunity to enforce indecent exposure if they were too low on someone's hips, and Ms. Collins made a valid point about potential indecent exposure on the train or buses, that she would forward her concern to Metro, it was actually Metro police, who were not under her jurisdiction, but Metro police that operated there, they had a Police Department, they needed to use it. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

After discussion by Council Members Christie, Kubosh, Gonzalez, Stardig and Boykins, Council Member Gonzalez stated that he thought a good starting point on this would be a simple education campaign, there was not a lot of public awareness, simply doing another ordinance that was going criminalize something and create a bigger burden on the system may or may not be the answer.

Council Member Boykins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of extending time for questions of Ms. Collins, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays

none. Council Members Martina and Robinson absent. Council Members Davis and Green absent. MOTION 2014-0791 ADOPTED.

After further discussion, Council Member Boykins stated that one of the dilemmas they faced was that they did not want to be tagged with violating someone's rights. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Mr. Marcus Richardson, 9119 Dairy View Ln., Houston, Texas 77099 (832-874-2648) appeared and stated that he was contacted by Annise Parker to come to Council to get recognized for an issue, and continued to voice his opinions until his time expired. Council Members Davis and Green absent.

Sister Mama Sonya, 3841 Wentworth, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-277-1584) appeared and read a poem about Freedman's town and their bricks, that the streets and bricks were very important, and asked that they rescind the June 11, 2014 decision about the bricks. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Council Member Boykins requested a copy of the poem that Ms. Sonya read and stated that it was really nice and good information, that she heard earlier they were working hard to make certain they did what was right for that community. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Ms. Bridget Alexander McDaniel (No address or phone number) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. John Juanopulos, 2207 Eastex Freeway, Houston, Texas 77026 (281-960-7820) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent.

Mr. Terrence Randle, 210 Willcrest, Houston, Texas 77042 (832-494-4347) appeared and stated that he was present again to speak about the illegal injustice that happened to him, similar to the Michael Brown story, and continued to voice his experiences until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. Ruben Holmes, 4206 Quitman, Houston, Texas 77076 (713-676-2725) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Mr. James P. Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2603) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when his name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Josephine Garcia, 711 Majestic, Houston, Texas 77020 (832-507-4113) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

Ms. Deborah Elaine Allen, 12000 MLK, No. 2059, Houston, Texas (713-264-0127) had reserved time to speak, but was not present when her name was called. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

President Joseph Charles, Post Office Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (713-928-2871) appeared and stated that he was requesting more time, they were obligated to

give him more time to be heard, and continued to voice his personal experiences until his time expired. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

At 3:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that the City Council was recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. Mayor Parker, Council Members Davis, Green and Costello absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presiding.

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2014, Mayor Annise Parker presiding with Council Members Brenda Stardig, Jerry Davis, Ellen R. Cohen, Dwight Boykins, Richard Nguyen, Oliver Pennington, Edward Gonzalez, Robert Gallegos, Mike Laster, Larry V. Green, Stephen C. Costello, Michael Kubosh, C. O. "Brad" Bradford and Jack Christie, D.C.; Mr. Dave Feldman, City Attorney; Ms. Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director and Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present. Council Members Dave Martin and David W. Robinson absent on personal business.

At 8:31 a.m. Ms. Anna Russell, City Secretary, read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:11 a.m. Mayor Parker called the meeting to order and stated that they were all given notice last night that long term City Hall regular, Mr. Tony Morris had passed away and recognized Council Member Boykins to make an acknowledgment. Council Members Stardig and Davis absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that Tony would be missed, he was a fantastic young man and knew that all of them had their wonderful memories of Tony, that he had touched many lives and was no longer suffering, he was with the LORD, and they would keep Tony and his family in their prayers. Council Member Davis absent.

Mayor Parker stated that she knew Council Member Boykins had left some flowers at his normal chair out in the Chamber. Council Member Davis absent.

HEARINGS

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 40

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 3

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following individuals to the **HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**:

Class B terms to expire December 31, 2015;

Position One - **RICHARD J. CAMPO**, reappointment, and to serve as Chair;

Position Two - **KATY CALDWELL**, reappointment

Position Three - **HARRY GREENBLATT**, appointment

Position Four - **CHRIS PAPPAS**, appointment

Class A terms to expire December 31, 2014;

- Position Six - **C. FERNANDO CUÉLLAR**, appointment
- Position Seven - **DESRYE M. MORGAN**, reappointment
- Position Eight - **DAVID L. SOLOMON**, reappointment
- Position Nine - **PHYLLIS J. BAILEY**, appointment.

- was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0792 ADOPTED.

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Planning & Development Department to designate an Honorary Street Marker to read “**Honoring P. E. BRYANT, SR. 2013**”, for Bishop Prince E. W. Bryant Sr., to be located at the intersection of Gregg and Orange Street - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0793 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that they had affirmed the new Board Members for Houston First and invited the new appointees or re-appointees present to the podium and thanked them for their willingness to serve and for their service to the City of Houston, and recognized Ms. Dawn Ullrich, who lead Houston First, who was also present. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Members Pennington, Boykins, Gallegos, Stardig, Green and Nguyen congratulated the new appointees or re-appointees present and thanked them for their willingness to serve and for their service to the City of Houston

Mayor Parker stated that she knew Council Members noted the terms of office for the new Board Members expired at the end of the year, they fully expected to bring them forward again, it was just to maintain the regular pattern of timing on the board appointments, she was assuming they would work out.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS - NUMBERS 7 through 9

7. **LIBERTY AIRPORT SYSTEMS, INC** for Airfield Lighting System for the Houston Airport System \$104,570.00 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0794 ADOPTED.
8. **AT&T CORP.** for AT&T Data Services for the Houston Police Department - \$518,180.00 General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0795 ADOPTED.
9. **CELICO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS** for Verizon Data (Air Card) Plan for the Houston Police Department - \$1,419,154.44 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Bradford. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0796 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS - NUMBERS 11 through 13

11. RESOLUTION approving the issuance and sale by Houston Housing Finance Corporation of Multifamily Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Village at Palm Center Apartments Project) Series 2014 - **DISTRICT D - BOYKINS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2014-0032 ADOPTED.
12. RESOLUTION authorizing Loan Application to the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD** (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2014-0033 ADOPTED.
13. RESOLUTION authorizing Loan Application to the **TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD** (Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program) - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. RESOLUTION 2014-0032 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES - NUMBERS 14 through 40

14. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to disposition of abandoned, unclaimed, and stolen property in the possession of the Police Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-760 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving the acceptance of a grant award from the **HOGG FOUNDATION for MENTAL HEALTH** for the Transition-Age Youth Service Project (the "grant"); authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department to accept the grant and expend the grant funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent supplemental awards, if any, pertaining to the grant; approving and authorizing a contract between the City and the **HOGG FOUNDATION for MENTAL HEALTH** related to the grant - \$1,023,881.00 - Grant Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-761 ADOPTED.
16. ORDINANCE approving the acceptance of a grant award from the **HOUSTON HEALTH FOUNDATION (Formerly called HOUSTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC)** for the See-To-Succeed Program (the "grant"); authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services Department to accept the grant and expend the grant funds and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the grant - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-762 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing grant agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the STEP Comprehensive Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-763 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing submission of an application for grant assistance to the **TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT** for an Urban Outdoor Recreation

Grant Fund, for improvements at Busby Park; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept and expend such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for, accept and expend all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - **DISTRICTS B - DAVIS and H - GONZALEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-764 ADOPTED.

22. ORDINANCE authorizing the conveyance of an access easement for Detention Facility Maintenance purposes from the City to the **HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**, across a portion of Keith-Wiess Park - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-765 ADOPTED.
23. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **MCGRIFF, SEIBELS & WILLIAMS OF TEXAS, INC** for Professional Insurance Consulting and Insurance Broker of Record Services for the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department; providing a maximum contract amount - 3 years with two-one year options - \$611,250.00 - Property & Casualty Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-766 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement between the City of Houston and **AERO HOUSTON CENTRAL, LP** for certain premises at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-767 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the Public Improvement Project known as the **HOMESTEAD ROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT**; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to a parcel of land required for the project and situated in the Harris and Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 32, Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase or the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple title interest in or easement to the parcel of land required for the project - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-768 ADOPTED.
27. **MUNICIPAL Setting Designation** ordinance prohibiting the use of designated groundwater beneath a tract of land containing 5.70 acres commonly known as 2902 W. 12th Street, 1247 Ella Boulevard, and 1321 Ella Boulevard, and portions of the rights-of-way of W. 12th Street and Ella Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas; and supporting issuance of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-769 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 89.878 acres of land to **DOWDELL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-770 ADOPTED.

29. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 9.011 acres of land to **FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 25**, of Fort Bend County, Texas, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-771 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 98.59 acres of land to **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 167**, for inclusion in its district – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
31. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 535**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-772 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 249.189 acres of land to **NEW CANEY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-773 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 4.9095 acres of land to **NORTHWOOD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**, for inclusion in its district - **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-774 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 58.15 acres of land to **WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2**, for inclusion in its district - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-775 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE appropriating \$2,261,004.00 out of the Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC** for Design of Greens Road from John F. Kennedy Boulevard to US 59 (North); providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control & Storm Drainage DDSRF **DISTRICT B - DAVIS** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-776 ADOPTED.
37. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first supplement to the Groundwater Reduction Plan Water Supply Agreement between the City of Houston and the **CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE** (Approved by Ordinance No. 2003-0519 as amended) for the purchase of treated water Revenue - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-777 ADOPTED.
38. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **SOUTHTEX 66 PIPELINE COMPANY, LTD.** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace two existing pipelines in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS and E - MARTIN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-778 ADOPTED.

39. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **DENBURY GREEN PIPELINE-TEXAS, LLC** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one existing pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued **DISTRICT E – MARTIN** – was pulled from the agenda by the administration and was not considered.
40. ORDINANCE issuing a permit to **ERGON-TEXAS PIPELINE, INC** to operate, maintain, improve, repair and replace one existing pipeline in certain portions of specified public street rights-of-way and prescribing the conditions and provisions under which the permit is issued - **DISTRICTS D - BOYKINS; E - MARTIN and K - GREEN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. ORDINANCE 2014-779 ADOPTED.

Council Member Gonzalez moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering Item No. 42 at this time, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0796a ADOPTED.

42. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Laster for confirmation of the appointment by Mayor Parker of **COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT GALLEGOS** as a non-voting advisory member to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION – (This was Item 6 on Agenda of July 9, 2014, DELAYED BY MOTION #2014-661)** – was presented.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to refer Item No. 42 back to the administration, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. MOTION 2014-0797 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that the public did not know what they just did, but she had nominated him for a position on the Houston First Board, but after discussion among Council Members he had graciously stepped back so that other Council Members could serve, she wanted to acknowledge his willingness to do that and the quiet and efficient way he took care of it, and Council Member Gallegos stated thank you, that he appreciated that, and Mayor Parker stated that she knew that Council Member Gallegos was very interested in everything that went on in downtown, but this would allow other input from other Council Members.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he would do his best to attend the board meetings as well, and Mayor Parker stated that they were open to all Council Members.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment of **COUNCIL MEMBER DAVE MARTIN** and **COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID W ROBINSON** as non-voting advisory members to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSTON FIRST CORPORATION** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello, and tagged by Council Member Christie. Council Member Laster absent.

PROPERTY

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Tom Shepard, owner of Candlelight Development, LLC, for the abandonment and sale of Goldspier Street, from Diamond Street to Del Norte Road, in exchange for conveyance to the City of right-of-way for Madeleine Leigh Lane, from Diamond Street to Del Norte Road, both located within the Deroloc Addition, out of the Samuel McClelland Survey, Parcels SY14-050 and AY14-152 - **DISTRICT C – COHEN** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Costello. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. Council Member Laster absent. MOTION 2014-0798 ADOPTED.
5. RECOMMENDATION from Director General Services Department to declare the property at 2403 Milam Street the Houston Fire Museum and 205 Chartres the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Site as surplus - **DISTRICTS C - COHEN and I – GALLEGOS** – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. Council Member Laster absent.

After questions and discussion by Council Members Kubosh, Stardig and Boykins, Mayor Parker stated that there were two different properties and they declare properties surplus on a regular basis, however, the goal was to enhance the ability of the Fire Museum to own their own facility and operate their own facility, the Fire Museum operated out of the Milam Street location and they were surplus it so that they could purchase the building at market price, that they did not have to put it out to bid if they were dealing with a nonprofit and this was a nonprofit that served a public purpose as they believe because they had operated the Fire Museum for a long time, but they had to pay market value for the property and they had an independent appraisal; that this action just surplused the property, they would come back with a sale agreement to the Fire Museum and it would mandate that it had to be maintained at least for the next 20 years as the Fire Museum, and it did have an historical designation as well, that they would bring the full contract to Council; that they sold another piece of property and had the resources, they had been in contract negotiations with them and the purchase contract would follow.

A vote was called on Item No. 5. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. MOTION 2014-0799 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

6. **REESE SUPPLY COMPANY OF HOUSTON** for Wide Format Printer for the Houston Airport System - \$79,107.70 - Enterprise Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. MOTION 2014-0800 ADOPTED.
10. **MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC** for Scott AirPaks and Replacement Parts for Various Departments - 3 years with two one-year options - \$3,028,183.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Pennington. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. MOTION 2014-0801 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES

17. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for grant assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Affordable Care Act, for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Director of the Houston Department of

Health and Human Services or his designee to act as the City's representative in the application process, with the authority to approve, accept the grant and expend the grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2014-780 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program - \$79,980.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Gonzalez.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing grant agreement between the City of Houston and the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for the STEP Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Grant; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Chief of the Houston Police Department to act as the City's representative in the application process, to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2014-781 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing payment to the Houston Recovery Center LGC for full Fiscal Year 2015 Operational Expenses for the Houston Center for Sobriety pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON RECOVERY CENTER LGC** - \$1,646,624.00 - General Fund – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Nguyen, Stardig, Gonzalez and Gallegos, Council Member Stardig requested some kind of measurement of relief that it had given their personnel issues, and Mayor Parker stated that she would either distribute it in memo form or ask Council Member Gonzalez to take it to committee.

A vote was called on Item No. 25. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2014-782 ADOPTED.

32. ORDINANCE consenting to the addition of 94.643 acres of land to **MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 137**, for inclusion in its district – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-783 ADOPTED.

NON CONSENT AGENDA - NUMBER 41

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

41. RECOMMENDATION from Purchasing Agent to make the following awards for Lawn, Garden, and Insecticide Chemicals for Various Departments - 3 years with two one-year options - \$3,223,400.75 - General, Enterprise and Parks Golf Special Funds:
 - PRO ALLIANCE** - \$470,894.00
 - TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS** - \$67,095.00
 - AGRIUM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES** - \$54,730.65
 - RED RIVER SPECIALTIES, INC** - \$626,592.40
 - BWI-SCHULENBURG** - \$223,406.78
 - WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** - \$1,310,761.42
 - ENVIRONMENTAL SORBENTS, LLC** - \$225,260.00

COUNCIL DRAW LOTS

GROUP NO. 1, ITEM NO. 4, GROUP NO. 2, ITEM NOS. 44 and 46 and GROUP NO. 4, ITEM NOS. 1 and 20 due to receiving identical bids from **TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS, AGRIUM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, BWI-SCHULENBURG** and **WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** in the amount of \$177,972.50; - was presented, and Council Member Costello drew Winfield Solutions.

GROUP NO. 1, ITEM NO. 5 due to receiving identical bids from **AGRIUM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, BWI-SCHULENBURG** and **WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** in the amount of \$5,837.50; - was presented, and Council Member Costello drew BWI-Schulenburg.

GROUP NO. 1, ITEM NO. 7 due to receiving identical bids from **TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS, AGRIUM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES** and **WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** in the amount of \$951.00; - was presented, and Council Member Costello drew Winfield Solutions.

GROUP NO. 2, ITEM NO. 39 due to receiving identical bids from **RED RIVER SPECIALTIES, INC, WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** and **ENVIRONMENTAL SORBENTS, LLC** in the amount of \$44,959.50; - was presented, and Council Member Costello drew Winfield Solutions.

GROUP NO. 5, ITEM NO. 9 due to receiving identical bids from **WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** and **ENVIRONMENTAL SORBENTS, LLC** in the amount of \$6,450.00; - was presented, and Council Member Costello drew Environmental Sorbents, LLC.

GROUP NO. 5, ITEM NO. 15 due to receiving identical bids from **TARGET SPECIALTY PRODUCTS** and **WINFIELD SOLUTIONS, LLC** in the amount of \$8,490.00 - was presented, and Council Member Costello drew Winfield Solutions.

Council Member Stardig moved to adopt the recommendation and accept the companies drawn, seconded by Council Member Bradford.

After discussion by Council Member Christie, a vote was called on Item No. 41. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. MOTION 2014-0802 ADOPTED.

MATTERS HELD - NUMBERS 43 through 45

43. MOTION by Council Member Gonzalez/Seconded by Council Member Costello to adopt recommendation from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering, reviewed and approved by the Joint Referral Committee, on request from Erica Sanchez, Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc., on behalf of Conoco Phillips Company (Stephen Matthews, Attorney-in-fact), for abandonment and sale of Old Katy Road right-of-way, from the I-10 frontage road north to Dairy Ashford Road, and the conveyance to the City of a 20-foot-wide water line easement, all located within the Woodcreek Park Subdivision, Section Two, out of the William Hardin Survey, A-24, Parcels SY14-082 and KY14-313 - **DISTRICT A – STARDIG – (This was Item 8 on Agenda of August 6, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER STARDIG)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. MOTION 2014-0803 ADOPTED.
44. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2013-1013, as amended, to increase the maximum contract amount for a contract between the City of Houston and **CONNELLY**

BAKER WOTRING LLP for legal services for representation of the City in negotiations with the United States Environmental Protection Agency - \$1,420,000.00 - Enterprise Fund – **(This was Item 21 on Agenda of August 6, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COSTELLO)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Member Christie, a vote was called on Item No. 44. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. Council Member Costello absent. ORDINANCE 2014-784 ADOPTED.

45. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,564,850.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding contract to **INDUSTRIAL TX CORP.** for Riverwood Estates No. 1 Lift Station Replacement; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering, testing, CIP Cost Recovery, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICT B – DAVIS – (This was Item 31 on Agenda of August 6, 2014, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS KUBOSH and COSTELLO)** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members Costello, Christie, Kubosh, Bradford, Pennington, Davis, Gonzalez and Nguyen, Mayor Parker stated that Peltier Brothers was not awarded the contract, they were given a notice to award, which was a mistake on the part of Public Works, that she would also point out that Public Works did not disregard the action of OBO, Office of Business Opportunities, they accepted OBOs recommendation, but ultimately it was the contracting department that had the responsibility to bring an item to Council.

A vote was called on Item No. 45. Council Members Boykins, Costello, Kubosh and Christie voting no, balance voting aye. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent. ORDINANCE 2014-785 ADOPTED.

Mayor Parker stated that this was the first time they had gone through a full agenda with everybody on their mobile devices, she was trying to slow down a little bit to make sure that everybody could page appropriately, if they had negative feedback they could give it to Marta, if they had positive feedback they could give to her, that for those Council Members who needed paper all they had to do was print it out themselves, they were not printing it for them, if there were things they saw that ought to be tweaked they did have an opportunity to go back to the manufacturer, as they prepared upgrades the City was going to give it a really good workout, they were interested in their feedback so they could improve the product, a paperless Council Chamber would be excellent.

Council Member Costello stated that the only comment he had was that they go a little slower on the items that were squared.

Mayor Parker stated that Council Members needed to sing out if ever there was confusion of which item they were on or anything.

Council Member Green asked if they were to turn in their recommendations to William Paul or to Marta, and Mayor Parker stated directly to Marta, that she had been wanting to get a paperless agenda for a few years, and they took their time to find the right solution.

Mayor Parker stated that there was a million pound challenge going on in the City of Houston, they were trying to be a healthier City, that it was a nonprofit initiative and they were passing out a page called "My Healthy Selfie", it was designed for them to put down what their fitness goal was and then take a picture of themselves with their fitness goal.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to offer his thoughts and prayers to Tony Morris's family; that Mayor Parker touched on the new Selfie Healthy Campaign and they were present to help them kick it off, that he wanted to invite everyone to take part in the new Shape Up Houston Campaign; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that they lost a super star in Robin Williams, who died on Monday, August 11, 2014 at age 63, that an estimated one in ten U.S. adults report depression, that depression was a serious mental illness, if they needed help they could call the National Suicide Prevention Hot Line at 1-800-273-8255; that he wanted to congratulate HPD for receiving an award at the Texas Suicide Prevention Symposium, their Mental Health Division was a model for Texas so he wanted to commend them for being recognized.

Mayor Parker stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Gonzalez for standing in for her at the cadet graduation, she was going to be out of the City, that she had several communications for fitness standards for officers, they did in the last contract negotiate a fitness standard for police officers, but it was a phase in, so as each cadet class graduated they had to maintain fitness throughout their police career, they were not going to impose it on someone who had been in the department for decades, but they wanted all officers to be in the best shape possible, so that was part of the new protocol.

Council Member Cohen stated that she wanted to echo comments about Tony Morris; and announced events she attended or would be attending.

Council Member Pennington stated that he wanted to congratulate Mayor Parker on her outstanding appointments to the Houston First Corporation Board of Directors; and announced events he attended or would be attending.

Council Member Green announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to express his sincerest condolences to Ms. Vivian Harris and her family on the loss of her husband, Calvin Harris, this past weekend. Council Member Gonzalez absent.

Council Member Davis announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to wish his Goddaughter Madison a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Gallegos stated that he wanted to extend his condolences to the family of Tony Morris.

Council Member Stardig stated that she also wanted to give condolences to Tony Morris's family; and announced events she attended or would be attending. Council Member Davis absent.

Council Member Kubosh announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he wanted to thank GOD for Tony Morris, they had a unique relationship over the years; that his second cousin, Earnest Kubosh, was turning 100 years old on August 21, 2014. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Nguyen stated if they all took a second and looked up he thought that Tony was taking a panoramic picture of them; and announced events he attended or would be attending. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Christie stated that on Item No. 7 he hoped the Liberty Airport Systems that they passed did everything in the lighting systems in LED for the future; and that this

reminded him why he voted against the District Service Fund process, they looked at the training session and what they had to go through to do projects in their District Service Funds, it was a whole new bureaucracy and money they needed to work through next year's debt. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Bradford stated that as to the Council District Service Budgets, the 11 District Council Members were privy to have a flow chart, which he believed the Chief of Staff, Chris Newport, created was not a new process at all, it was simply a tool to assist all of them in understanding the ordinances, the Charter requirement and State Law provisos when they attempted to spend capital dollars versus operating dollars, etc., so he would commend Chris Newport for the wonderful job putting together a flow chart, it did not change anything or create any new processes at all, it was simply a flow chart to help them make sure they understood the guidelines under which those dollars should and could be spent; that in regard to Tony Morris he chose to read "To everything there was a season and a time to every purpose under the Heaven, a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which was planted", and asked that Tony rest in peace; that he wanted to comment on Ferguson, Missouri, though it was a small town far from Houston and outside of Saint Louis it was still part of the USA, and what happened in Ferguson could happen any place in America, but he wanted to say there were some of them that were in touch with individuals who were involved with what was going on in Ferguson, Missouri, a tragic incident when a young man, Michael Brown, 18 years of age, had lost his life and there had been threats and rioting, substantial property damage, the police chief had been threatened, some of the officers had in fact received threats, it emphasized a greater need to involve citizens within police operations, that he wanted to say that those type of incidents could happen in Houston, a number of people had been working for decades, and continued to work today, to insure civil obedience, they worked very hard primarily behind the scenes to nurture the very fragile relationship that existed between police and citizens. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Mayor Parker stated that the flowchart was actually prepared by Vernita and Kelley Dowe, and he was absolutely correct, Council Members did not need to know anything in that flowchart, they just wanted to show them why they wanted the requests to come to the Mayor's office because it was a complicated process anytime they made purchases in the City of Houston. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Boykins stated that when he received the flowchart it really opened his eyes on the process; that with regards to the Michael Brown family in Ferguson, Missouri, they did want to keep his family in their prayers, it was a tragic situation; that 25 years ago he and his wife got married, and it was the same time they were leaving for their honeymoon that they found the airplane of the late Mickey Leeland, it brought it back to memory, that he wanted to thank Senator Rodney Ellis for keeping Congressman's Mickey Leeland alive for all these years; and announced events he attended or would be attending; that on August 10, 2014, several Houston news outlets ran a story about an abandoned waste disposal facility located on Griggs Road in his district, leaking chemical pollutants into their community, that he could not thank the Legal Department enough for having the concrete information on the serious situation, that he, along with EPA representative and a Channel 11 reporter went out and visited that site and his understanding was that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality was addressing it; that he wanted them to keep Ms. Vivian Harris in their prayers as she went through the transition of losing her husband; that he wanted them to keep Mr. Preston Rowe in their prayers, he was having some complications right now and was at Saint Joseph's Hospital. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Laster announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that many of them saw the news reports yesterday about the three alarm fire that happened in the Westwood Community in District J, at the Mar Del Sol Apartments, that he knew the Council

Members joined him in thanking the Houston firefighters who responded to the three alarm blaze and to thank the Red Cross who was helping to assist displaced residents; that for the past three years the District J operations budget had always had a surplus and he had always been pleased to dedicate that money to some needy or appropriate department within the City of Houston, this year their budget surplus would be divided among four Fire Stations that directly served in District J, Fire Stations 28, 51, 68 and 73; and announced events he attended or would be attending; and stated that he would join with all of his colleagues to wish condolences to Tony Morris's family. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that he wanted to remind his colleagues to meet Mayor Parker at the rotunda so they could all take a picture with their selfies, that he was training for a marathon, eat healthier and drink more water. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

Council Member Stardig stated that after seeing what happened with Robin Williams, someone who was very much in the spotlight, she thought it was an opportunity to remind everyone to start with sensitivity to everyone's mental health, that as a City they needed to remind their employees that the EAP, (Employees Assistant Plan) was available. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 10:38 a.m. Council Members Martin and Robinson absent on personal business. Council Members Davis and Pennington absent.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary